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From theſe their Politicks our Quidnuncs *ſeek,*
And Saturday's the learning of the week.
Dr. Young's 1ſt Ep. to Mr. Pope.

Mr. BAVIUS,

COffee-houſes are the places to which the generality of perſons reſort in this great city, either for the diſpatch of buſineſs, or for their diverſion after the fatigue of it. This diverſion ariſes principally from hearing the ſentiments of others, and freely delivering their own, upon all ſubjects whatſoever. A dayly inſtance this of the liberty of Britons, a bleſſing injoyed in ſuch full extent by no other people in the world. This alleviates the weight of thoſe many heavy taxes raiſed upon them for above theſe forty years; which otherwiſe might have been thought an intolerable burthen, tho' abſolutely neceſſary to keep out popery and arbitrary power.

Since the preſent and future happineſs of mankind depends upon government and religion, it is neceſſary that all perſons ſhould entertain right notions of theſe two things. And theſe notions are to be acquired only two ways, by reading and converſation. The many excellent political diſcourſes written ſince the Revolution concerning the rights of ſovereigns and ſubjects, have explained the matter of government in a very full and clear manner. And the obligation of taking the oaths, under which perſons of all degrees either were layed, or imagined themſelves to be layed, about ten years ago, put them upon carefully reading thoſe pieces, that they might ſwear with judgment, as well as with truth, and with righteouſneſs.

I am ſenſible, that it has been ſuggeſted by ſome, that much the greater part of theſe perſons, eſpecially of the female ſex, being incapable of rightly informing themſelves in this matter, took the oaths implicitly, in obedience ſolely to the commands of their ſuperiors. But this I look upon as a falſe and ſcandalous reflection, both upon thoſe who injoined, and upon thoſe who took the oaths. The former were ſuch declared enemies to all implicit blind obedience, that they would never have impoſed the belief of two political points, one poſitive, and the other negative, upon perſons who were incapable of forming a right judgment concerning them. This would have rendered an Abjuration-oath too much like an Athanaſian creed, conſiſting of terms that were unintelligible; and the injunction of the former might have been juſtly looked upon as unreaſonable a piece of lay-craft in politics, as that of the latter is by ſome of prieſt-craft in religion. Nay there are two circumſtances to the advantage of the latter caſe, in which a declaration and ſubſcription is required only of the clergy; whereas in the former, the laity, as well as the clergy, are comprehended, and the ſubſcription of the belief of both is accompanied with the ſolemnity of an oath.

But the good people of Great Britain had too much underſtanding and honeſty to act in ſuch a blind manner, as ſolemnly to repeat words without ideas, and to ſwear that they *believed in their conſciences* things of which they had a very confuſed, if any notion at all. And I have been well aſſured, that ſeveral perſons of mean fortune and education, and ſome even of the female ſex, both young and old, were very inquiſitive in this affair, and ſatisfied themſelves concerning it, by reading ſome of the ingenious and learned pieces publiſhed in defence of the oaths, which fully explain the nature of our conſtitution, as placed upon a new baſis at the Revolution. And therefore it has been frequently matter of wonder to me, that ſome perſons, who pretend to be the greateſt friends to our excellent conſtitution, ſhould blame this inquiſitive temper of our people, and cenſure them for meddling with matters relating to government; ſince they were formerly, and many of them are ſtill, obliged either to ſwear with their eyes ſhut (like thoſe who ſtrain to ſwallow ſomething too large for their throats) or elſe to inquire into the rights of princes; and conſequently, either to become formally perjured, or to become politicians.

To the exact inquiries made at that general time of ſwearing I cannot but attribute the foundation of that great ſkill in politics, to which the generality of perſons have now attained. Which is ſo very extenſive, that it is amazing to hear them talk with the niceſt exactneſs, concerning the titles and intereſts of foreign princes, as well as of their own, of the natural rights and liberties of ſubjects, and of the reciprocal duties of the one and of the other. But tho', I think, I aſcribe the foundation of this conſummate knowledge to a true cauſe; yet I muſt own the ſuperſtructure is chiefly owing to thoſe weekly letters and diſſertations, which furniſh our Coffee-houſes ſtill with a freſh ſupply of political pieces, and at one and the ſame place, and time, afford the moſt agreeable and uſeful ſubject of ſtudy and converſation.

Nor are points of government alone debated and ſettled in theſe places of aſſembly, but likewiſe the abſtruſeſt points of religion are here clearly determined: which was the other thing, mentioned at the beginning of this letter, concerning which it is neceſſary that all perſons ſhould have juſt apprehenſions. Several long, laborious, and learned books, as well as many ſhort, ingenious, and ſatirical pamphlets, have for forty years been written againſt prieſt-craft; the knavery of which has been effectually expoſed in a great variety of ways. Natural religion has been advanced to that juſt ſuperiority it ought to have above all pretended revelations; the inconſiſtency, and conſequently the falſeneſs, of which has been evidently demonſtrated. The moſt eminent of thoſe which were written a pretty many years ago, are *The rights of the Chriſtian Church*, *A Diſcourſe of free-thinking*, and *The independent Whig*. The laſt of theſe came out in weekly papers; which, tho' taken almoſt intirely from the firſt, were recommended to the public by many additional ſtrokes of ſatire upon the Parſons, and by a ſtile and manner peculiar to the author, and not to be imitated. So happily did he execute his undertaking, that a Gentleman, to whom he was perſonally unknown, left him by will a good eſtate, as a juſt reward for the merit of that performance. A remarkable inſtance this of the charity and generoſity of a Free-thinker; and not to be parallelled by any charitable or generous act of any bigotted High-church man whatſoever, towards any defender of prieſt-craft and arbitrary power. From theſe two books the reverend Mr. BOWMAN, not long ſince, made a ſhort extract, in which he was ſo faithful, as to repreſent the ſame thoughts in almoſt the very ſame expreſſions; and by an extraordinary piece of chriſtian fortitude preached it as a Viſitation-ſermon to his ſuperſtitious brethren; of which the public impatiently expects his defence againſt ſome trifling objections which have been made thereto.

The moſt celebrated books againſt Revelation, which have appeared of later years, are *A diſcourſe of the grounds and reaſons of the chriſtian religion*, and *Chriſtianity as old as the creation*. The former of theſe was generally thought to be written by the author of the *diſcourſe of free thinking*: againſt whom it has been objected, that tho' this *diſcourſe* was fully anſwered by PHILELEUTHERUS LIPSIENSIS, and the ignorance of the writer expoſed to all the world, in ſo much that he was frequently called *the idiot evangeliſt*, yet he neither defended, nor retracted that *diſcourſe*; one of which he ought to have done, before he preſumed to publiſh another *diſcourſe* in purſuance of the ſame ſubject ——To this it may be anſwered, that as no name was put to either of the *diſcourſes*, it is not certain, that both were written by one and the ſame perſon: but that if they were, the proſecution of the ſame ſubject, in the latter, may juſtly be looked upon as a defence of the former in the main; tho' the author have neglected to vindicate himſelf from ſome ſmall miſtakes in tranſlating a few Latin or Greek paſſages, which an ill-natured Pedant may have diſcovered.

But the laſt, and moſt glorious book of all, is *Chriſtianity as old as the creation*; the ſtrength and force of which is plainly manifeſted by the many fruitleſs endeavours of its adverſaries to anſwer it. And it is one great objection againſt the *anſwers* to this, as well as againſt thoſe to the fore-mentioned books, that they are almoſt all of them written by perſons prejudiced in favour of Revelation, and obliged by their profeſſion and intereſt to ſupport and maintain it, becauſe it ſupports and maintains them. *Sirs, ye know, that by this craft* they *have* their *wealth*, is an unanſwerable reply to all thoſe pretended *anſwers*; and ſufficient, I hope, to keep the honeſt laity from reading, or at leaſt from regarding them. To ſuch I would recommend a conſtant and careful peruſal of thoſe admirable obſervations concerning religion and government, extracted chiefly from the books of which I have been ſpeaking, and publiſhed weekly in the *Free-Briton* and *London Journal*. With theſe, as with the rays of the ſun united in a burning-glaſs, they may kindle ſuch a flame, as may both inlighten and warm themſelves, and at the ſame time dazle and ſcorch their adverſaries. This will certainly be the conſequence, if Mr. OSBORNE perform the promiſe which he very lately made, to ſet *theſe ſubjects in ſo clear a light, that it will be* IMPOSSIBLE *to miſtake them*. When he has done this, of which I do not in the leaſt doubt, it will prove to demonſtration the truth of that which I have had chiefly in view, throughout this ſhort eſſay, That juſt notions both of government and religion are beſt to be acquired in a Coffee-houſe.

I am, Mr. BAVIUS,

Your humble Servant,

D. D.

* See *London Journal*, *Sept.* 9. 1732.

Mr. A—— F——s Letter to his Curate at C—— N verſifyed.

LEST Curates proud ſhould make a ſtir,
I will begin with *Reverend Sir*,
Without a compliment I ſend
Theſe lines, to tell you I intend
To ſend of flowers a basket down,
By friday's coach to A——FORD town,
To you directed at the Swan;
For which I'd have you ſend your man
To fetch 'em ſaturday by noon,
And plant them all before the moon.
Let all your care to this be given;
And pray for me to gracious heaven,
To put them forward in their bloom,
When I to C ——N ſhall come.
Curates may rub the winter o'er:
I come at ſpring, and not before.
Watch W——KS my ſervant day by day,
And ſee he earns what I ſhall pay.
Write every thing about my garden:
I leave the church to the church-warden.
Has N—L—D made his promiſe good,
And *gratis* fetch'd my ſtock of wood?
If he in this has kept his word,
Say what the ſort, how many cord.
If malt proves good, and casks don't ſtink,
I hope you ſoon will brew my drink.
If the good malſter looks askew,
Pray tell him, that for me you brew,
And then perhaps, he'll truſt on you.
I wonder, and am much confounded,
Since corn of late has ſo abounded,
That all my tenants, griping elves,
Should keep their money to themſelves;
When as they know their rent is due,
And they may have receipts from you.
Pray travel up, and travel down,
And talk, and vaunt, as 'twere your own.
The tardy N—L—D ever teaze,
Nor let JOHN H—L—R ſleep in peace;
If ſober admonition fail,
Put them in mind there is a jail.
When every due is duly pay'd,
And ballance is to ballance lay'd,
Forthwith to W——R repair,
'Twill do you good to take the air.
There Mr. H—K—R you may ſee,
Receiver-General is he.
The ſacred Idol don't detain,
Nor with unhallow'd hands prophane;
To him the weighty truſt conſign,
And bid him write a golden line;
For every hundred pounds (oh! oh!)
Five ſhillings in return muſt go.
But let the Bills that he ſhall write
Be after date, not after ſight:
Not after ſight; for tell me who
Would caſh it twice, when once will do?
If to your ſelf you have reſpect,
My intereſt you'll not neglect,
If you in my behalf would ſtout it,
And write about it, and about it,
H—L—R from K—PS—N would deſcend,
And N—L—D with his rent attend:
Then G—W—N would the call obey,
Nor whining P—P—R longer ſtay.
I then expect you ſend me word,
Put under cover to my Lord;
And when I ſee in this you're true,
I'll find you ſomething elſe to do.
Pray ask JOHN H—L—R ſunday next,
And mind it, as you mind your text,
If Mrs. R——GE will hold the tythe
At the new rent of ninety five.

Perhaps ſhe may not like the ground,
Becauſe I've rais'd the odd five pounds.
Tell him I ſoon would know her mind,
That if ſhe be not well inclin'd,
I may ſome other tenant find.
In all theſe premiſſes don't fail ye:
As you're my curate, you're my bailey.
Thus I appoint you my attorney,
And am your ſervant, R—— F——.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Courant.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
E P. *Evening Poſt.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
W E. *Whitehall Evening Poſt.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Sept.* 14.

Yeſterday her Majeſty, and the Princeſſes Royal and Carolina, attended with ſeveral of the Nobility, were at Major Foubart's, Riding-Maſter to his Royal Highneſs the Duke perform the exerciſe of riding the great Horſe; which he performed with great judgment, dexterity, and courage. *C.*

The Phœnix, ſuppoſed to belong to Oſtend, arrived at Cadiz, from whence her cargoe was ſent, one third in one French Ship, and two in another, to Hamburgh. And from Lisbon the 30th paſt, N.S. it is written, that a Ship under the ſame ſuſpicion was that day arrived there from East India. — *I was in hopes the* Oſtend Trade *had been at an end.*

The Commiſſioners of the Treaſury have ordered 300 *l.* to be paid to the perſons concerned in the apprehending Tho. Loveday, convicted laſt Seſſions of ſending a threatning Letter. *S J.*

Reading, Sept. 11. On tueſday laſt a Scotchman roſe in a dream, and went out of a window one pair of ſtairs into the Street, and walk'd near 100 yards before he waked, and received but little hurt. *S J.*

We hear that her Grace the Dutcheſs of Buckinghamſhire is relapſed, and lies dangerouſly ill at Boulogn in France. *S J.*

On ſaturday Anth. Luthire, Eſq. of Dodenhurſt, near Brentwood, being diſorder'd in his ſenſes, ſhot himſelf, and died in a few hours. *D P.* —— On monday died at the ſeat of the Lord Cobham in Buckinghamſhire, his Excellency Abraham Stanyan, late Ambaſſador to the Ottoman Porte. *C.* —— At his ſeat in Oxfordſhire. *D J.* —— Yeſterday advice came from Oxford of his death. *P.*

FRIDAY, *Sept.* 15.

It is the opinion of perſons learned in the laws, That, from the time the act for qualifying juſtices of the peace takes place, no clergyman can act as ſuch, unleſs his benefice is rated at 100 *l.* in the King's Book (the authentic record of its value, and againſt which there is no averring) or unleſs he has a real temporal eſtate of 100 *l.* a year, or an eſtate of that nature ſufficient to make up, what he is rated at in the King's book, 100 *l.* a year. *C.*

Yeſterday the Bank declared a dividend of 2 3 4ths per cent for the half year, ending at Michaelmas next; the warrants to be payable October 12, and the books to open Octob. 10. *P. D P.*

Yeſterday the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen heard the Maſters and Journeymen of the Clothworkers; when his Lordſhip propoſed, That the hours of work ſhould be the ſame as before, from 5 in the morning till 7 at night, and the wages the ſame; but that the Maſters ſhould pay 3d for every hour's work done above the ſaid time, allowing 2 hours for breakfaſt and dinner. *C.* — *I am glad they have ſo much work upon Cloths, as to quarrel about it.*

We hear the Juſtices of the Peace of the Committee appointed at Weſtminſter Seſſions for ſuppreſſing night-houſes, &c. have agreed to meet weekly, it appearing by the trials laſt week at the Old Baily, that ſeveral perſons have gone from thoſe places to rob in the ſtreets, &c. *D P.*

On monday 2 gentlemen were ſtopped between Eſher and Kingſton by a ſingle Highwayman on a black mare. They gave him a wound in his back with a hanger; upon which he fired 3 times at them, and the laſt ſhot one of their horſes dead; but finding he could not manage them, he rode off. They had received near 200 *l.* that morning at Guildford. The rogue had a mask on. *P.*

SATURDAY, *Sept.* 16.

We hear from Yorkſhire, that the Tower of Bibbe's Abbey, near Hemſley, was lately blown down by a violent high wind; by which accident 2 men, who were at work underneath, were killed. *C.* —— Ribbis — Abbey. *D P.*

On wedneſday his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales was at Mrs. Lee's booth in Southwark Fair, to ſee the entertainment called Female Innocence: or, A ſchool for a wife. *D J.*

Yeſterday about 5 in the evening (notwithſtanding the wind was high) a ſailor flew from the top of the monument to the upper Three-tun Tavern in Grace-church-ſtreet, which he did in leſs than half a minute. —— In the morning, when the rope was tied round the monument, a waterman's boy, paid for going up; but in his return finding the ſtairs crouded, he thought the quickeſt way down again would be by the rope, and accordingly ſwung down upon it as it hung looſe. *D J.* —— Laſt night Mr. Heard, who kept the Glaſs-houſe in Old Bedlam, returning from Gracechurch-ſtreet, where he had been to ſee the ſailor fly from the top of the monument: he had no ſooner got home, but he dropt down dead. 'Tis ſaid with the ſurpriſe of the ſame. *W. E.*

Yeſterday a meſſenger arrived here from his majeſty at Helvoet-ſluys; by whom we hear he continues in a perfect ſtate of health, but is detained by contrary winds *P. S J. W E. L E.* —— We are well aſſured that there has no meſſenger arrived from Holland for this week paſt. *C.*

Mr. Blunt has 34 ſets of horſes at 40 s per diem, waiting at Harwich and Margate for his Majeſty s landing. *L E. S J.*

On ſaturday her Majeſty and the Princeſs Caroline, accompanied by ſeveral perſons of diſtinction, came to the Meuſe at Charing-Croſs, and viewed the new Stables, at which her Majeſty expreſſed her intire ſatisfaction, and ordered a handſome donation to the workmen. *C.* —— Her Majeſty and the two youngeſt Princeſſes. *P.* —— Attended by ſeveral ladies, *&c.* and was pleaſed to order money for the workmen. *D. P.*

The rev. Mr. Barnard, one of his Majeſty's chaplins, and chaplin to the Duke of Newcaſtle, is appointed one of the Prebendaries of Weſtminſter. *D P.*

On thurſday night his Grace the Duke of Bedford arrived at Portſmouth, having been 4 days going thither. *D P.* —— He went immediately on board the Torrington for Lisbon. *D J.*

At the Oratory, the corner of Lincoln's-Inn Fields, &c. to morrow at eleven, &c. 2. There will be a *New* Oration, &c. At *ſix* there will be a *New* Theological lecture, &c. *Fog's Journal.* —— The rainbow, &c. will be the ſubject of a *new* oration, &c. *D J.* --- At Mr. Pinchbeck jun. &c. great Theatrical Booth, &c. He has ſeveral *tricks* entirely *new*, which were never done by any other perſon but himſelf. *D P.*

MONDAY, *Sept.* 18.

A few days ago Mr. Brigin, an eminent wine-merchant, coming by Stratford, was robbed by 2 highway-men, who took his money and gold watch, which he deſired them to let him have again; aſſuring them, upon his word and honour, that he would give them more than they could make of it, which was 10 guineas; accordingly they came with him to the man in the moon tavern in Whitechapel, and delivered him his watch, upon his word, till he went home, and ſent his ſervant with 10 guineas. *D J.* — *This was no* robbery, *but a fair bargain betwixt men of* honour.

On ſaturday 18 fine horſes were landed at the Tower for the uſe of the Spaniſh Ambaſſador; which, with thoſe landed before, make 36, and are ſaid to be exceeding fine. *P.*

The national debt as it ſtood Dec. 31, 1730,	49,301,855	06	01 ½
Increaſed between Dec. 31. 1730, and Dec. 1731.	1,200,000	00	00
Paid off within the ſaid time.	1,516,416	13	04
Amount of the National debt, Dec. 31. 1731.	48,985,438	12	09 ½

They write from Cambridge, that Sturbridge Fair has proved very good this year, and plenty of all ſorts of commodities; hops were ſold at 7 l. 5 s. per hundred, and Glouceſter and Warwickſhire cheeſe at 1 l. 2 s. per hundred. *D P.*

TUESDAY, *Sept.* 19.

Will. Woollaſton, of Great Finborough in Suffolk, Eſq; has declared to ſtand a Candidate to repreſent the ſaid Borough, in the room of Col. Negus, deceaſed. *D P.*---- We hear that Will. Negus Eſq; only ſon of Col. Negus, will alſo ſtand a candidate. *P.*

On ſunday night, Admiral Stuart arrived in the Rye man of war in the Downs; and yeſterday he was at Kenſington, and waited on her Majeſty. *P.*

The late Abraham Stanyan, Eſq; dying a Batchelor, hath left the groſs of his eſtate to Temple Stanyan, Eſq; his brother. *D P.*

Folkſtone, Sept. 16. The Ship which lately came on ſhoar here, was from Gottemburgh, and bound for Lisbon: of her cargo which was iron, deals, &c. very little was ſaved, the country and towns people having carry'd off abundance. She had 14 hands and a boy on board, of whom 9 and the boy were loſt, and 5 ſaved; among the former was the maſter, who was ſafe on ſhoar, and attempting to ſave his child, was loſt, and when taken up had him faſt folded in his arms. *P.*

Six new houſes are ordered to be built at the Meuſe at Charing-Croſs for his Majeſty's Equerries, viz. Edmund-Charles Blomberg Eſq; Thomas Panton Eſq; Couthorpe Clayton Eſq; the Hon. Henry Berkeley Eſq; Henry Pulteney Eſq; and Philip Lloyd Eſq; *L E.*

The large American Aloe is in bloom at Walter Pettyward's Eſq; at Enfield in Eſſex, where it may be ſeen; it being much finer than that which blowed at Hoxton, or any that ever blowed in England before; the bunches of flowers being a foot diameter, and thirty bunches upon the ſtem, placed in a very regular pyramid. *S J.*

A curious monument is erecting at Crayford in Kent in memory of the Lady Shovell, relict of Sir Cloudeſley Shovell, who ſome years ago was caſt away on the Rocks of Scilly. *S J. WE. L E.* —— *I hope it will be a more* curious one *than that in Weſtminſter Abbey* in memory of Sir Cloudeſly.

One day laſt week two young women at Lewes in Suſſex going to bed, ſpied a young man under the bed; one of them took up a pot to throw at him; which he perceiving, jumped out of the window, three pair of ſtairs, and broke his neck. *S J.* —— *He had better have ventured the* breaking *of* his head *with* the piſs-pot: *but I believe both are ſafe.*

The march of the Regiments of Weſtminſter Train'd Bands is appointed for the 27th, 28th, and 29th Inſtant: councils of war have in the mean time been held at ſeveral Taverns, for concerting meaſures for the opening of this ſhort campaign; and we hear that the Siege of Oran, in Tothill-Fields, has been reſolved upon: The town to be attacked by the Spaniards of St. Martin's in the Fields, and defended by the Infidels of St. James's. *S J.* —— *I fear many of theſe* Spaniards *are* Infidels, *or at leaſt circumciſed.*

WEDNESDAY, *Sept.* 20. 1732.

Mr. Evelin, ſecond ſon to Sir John Evelin, was married laſt thurſday to miſs Prideaux, a Devonſhire young lady of 40,000 l. fortune. *C.*

Yeſterday there was a court of aldermen at Guildhall, when Robert Godſchall Eſq; was ſworn in Alderman of Biſhopgate Ward; and the Court was pleaſed to order 40 Freedoms to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and the two Sheriffs, in lieu of the ſale of the place of Keeper of Newgate *P.*

Laſt monday night a man in Farmer-ſtreet near Ratcliff-Highway, having had ſome words with his wife, hanged himſelf. Being diſcovered by ſome neighbours, he was cut down; when they found ſome life in him; but he expired ſoon after. *C.* — He ſwore he would be reveng'd of her. *D J.* —— *I ſuppoſe he did not doubt, that ſhe would marry a worſe husband.*

Between forty and fifty beds are fitting up at the three houſes hired in Jermyn-Street, St. James's, for his Excellency the Marquis de Montejo, Embaſſador from his Catholick Majeſty. His Excellency brings with him his lady and children, and two chaplains, and a vaſt retinue. *D P.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

As we do not know the ſubject of the following lines, they are publiſhed ſolely to oblige the Gentleman who ſent us two copies of them.

See mad MARIA plunge the lifted knife,
A Fury turn'd, becauſe not made a wife!
The amazed gueſts the murd'rous deed deteſt,
And grief and horror trouble all the feaſt:
Mad ſhe exults aloud, and thinks too ſlow
The vow'd revenge, and aimes a ſecond blow;
And thus, ſhe crys, Thus may all traitors prove
The rage of jealouſy and ſlighted love.

A letter publiſhed in Mr. Fog's laſt Journal was read, containing ſome ſevere reflections upon our Society, for printing in our 140th Journal an Epigram in a different manner from that in which it was ſent. Upon which Mr. BAVIUS ſtood up and ſayed, that as he was principally concerned in making the alteration in that Epigram, he thought himſelf obliged to vindicate them and himſelf.

The Gentleman, who wrote the letter, ſays, *The epigram was ſent word for word*, as it is now printed in Mr. Fog's Paper. This is not true: for inſtead of the R—— in one line, and the C —— s in two other, there were names at length in all three places. —— He affirms, that it was publiſhed by us *moſt ſcandalouſly altered, quite contrary to his purpoſe and meaning.* The latter of which I own may be true: but I deny the former, for reaſons which will appear preſently. —— By this proceeding, he ſays, we have *proved* ourſelves TRUE TURNCOATS; *and he wiſhes a certain perſon joy of his new Allies.* And as a confirmation of this, adds, that he has *ſome reaſon to ſuſpect that the Hero of the Epigram, may be the perſon who altered it into a panagyrick upon* himſelf. All this falls to the ground, if the point of the Epigram is the ſame, and is directed at the ſame perſon in our Journal, at whom it is directed in Fog's. As he does not mention the re-

ſons either of his ſtrange *ſuſpicion* about *the Hero*, or of his ſtrange opinion, that the Epigram has been turned into a *Panegyrick*, no other anſwer can be given, but that there is not the leaſt foundation for either —— One end of writing this letter the Gentleman declares to be, to ſhew others *who may amuſe themſelves with writing what they may expect from the* GRUB-JOURNAL To *ſhew* them this the more plainly, I ſhall give ſome reaſons for the alteration of this Epigram. The two firſt lines were in a different meaſure from the other eight, which I thought very odd in this ſort of poetry. The ſecond and third

Nor think Sir R —— *did him grace,*
C——s *talents claim'd a Place.*

did not ſeem to me to be ſenſe: for tho' a man's *talents* may juſtly *claim a Place* as their due reward, yet he may very well be ſayed to be *graced* or adorned by it. *Countries far*, in the ninth verſe, I took to be very harſh Engliſh, if it be Engliſh at all. As to the additional epithet, which has given this Gentleman ſo much offence, I ſhall leave that to every readers impartial conſideration. Upon the whole, I am perſuaded, that the alterations are all emendations, which have made the Epigram more poetical, and truer in all reſpects than it was before: but this is ſubmitted to the judgment of the town. I could make ſome obſervations upon the ſtile of this letter; but I omit them, becauſe when a perſon is angry, it is not natural for him to talk grammatically. — I ſhall only add a few words more for the ſatisfaction of thoſe whom this Gentleman would deter from becoming our Correſpondents: That if any of them ſend any piece with a real name, we will publiſh it without alteration, if we publiſh it at all. But whatſoever comes without any name, or under a feigned one, we ſhall take the liberty to alter it, if we think there is occaſion, as being the propereſt judges what may be convenient or inconvenient for us to publiſh.

Poeta naſcitur, non fit.

Thiſtles are Aſſes food, we're told
By learn'd Philoſophers of old,
PARNASSUS mount affords a crop,
Which ſpring up far beneath its top.
Of theſe ſome Aſſes having heard,
Their courſe about the mountain ſteer'd;
They clamber'd till their heads turn'd round,
At laſt, the prickly plant they found;
Loud hideous brays their joys rehearſe,
And what is more, they bray'd in verſe,
If not in verſe, at leaſt, in rhime.
For Aſs to Aſs return'd a Chime:
At their own ſound in great ſurprize
They danc'd; but cou'd no higher riſe.
From Critics now they Bards commence,
Toning out ſound inſtead of ſenſe.
The Chardon juice had made them hope
They ſoon might be a match for POPE.
But e'er they left th' inchanted place,
They proper thought to ask a Grace:
When to APOLLO thus they pray,
'Since from thy face a genial ray
'Has kindled in us a fire latent,
'O grant us a poetic patent;
'And that our ears, which now ſo long
'Expoſe us to the vulgar throng,
'May not extend ſo high upright,
'Or be with laurel hid from ſight.
He, who was with the Muſes quaffing,
Could ſcarcely anſwer them for laughing:
'Go to my Clerks, quoth He, and ſee 'em,
'Your ears they'll place, that you ſhan't ſee 'em.
'Twas thus, if fame be not a fibber,
He ſerv'd our Poet L——t C——
They went —— 'twas done —— In diſcord join'd
They ſing, and to their ears are blind:
And tho' one's bray his friend's ſurpaſſes,
They're all a conſort ſtill of Aſſes.

Letters from New-York, dated Aug. 4, adviſe, that their new governor, Col. Cosby, arrived there 2 days before. *D J.* 15 —— *New-York, July* 26. Laſt thurſday morning, a creature of an uncommon ſize and ſhape was obſerved to break through a window of a ſtore-houſe in this city, and jumped into the ſtreet, where was ſuddenly a number of ſpectators, who followed it, till it jumped over ſeveral high fences, and at laſt ſtuck between two houſes, where they ſhot it. It was 7 foot long; and moſt think it is a Panther. *P.* 18.

Philadelphia, June 1. On ſunday laſt a thunder-clap ſtruck into the houſe of the widow Mifflin, about three Miles from the city. It firſt ſtruck the chimney, and ſplit it down ſeveral feet, tore and ſhattered part of the roof of the houſe, ſplit a rafter, and it broke off in two places. In a lower room it ſtruck off the Plaiſtering, and part of the brick-wall, broke the window-glaſs, and melted the lead. Another ſtory lower, ſeveral ſplinters of a window-frame were broke off, ſome of the glaſs broke, and lead melted; it alſo ſtruck down a lad that ſtood in a porch near the ſaid window, and burnt him badly in a ſtreak about the breadth of a hand, from the ſide of his face down to the calf of his leg, but no ways hurt his cloaths; he is alſo very much hurt by the fall. There were four or five children ſitting in the houſe near to the lad, who were very much ſurprized and ſtunned by the thunder, and almoſt ſuffocated with the Smoak and ſulphurous Smell that filled the Room. It alſo ſplit a large tree near the houſe. *S J.* 19.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Sept.* 14.

Petersburg, Aug. 26. N. S. Our laſt advices from Derbent and Perſia ſay, That Schach Thamas, having gathered the greateſt parts of his troops together into one army, was marched with all ſpeed towards Babylon, to lay ſiege to that important place, before the Turks can aſſemble an army to relieve it. *C. D P. D J.*

FRIDAY, *Sept.* 15.

Ratisbon, Sept. 11. It is obſervable, that in 1683 and 1684, many in the country of Saltzburg declared for the Proteſtant religion, and retired to other Parts, ſome of which returned afterwards with ſuch books, as 'tis believed, laid the foundation for the preſent propagation of that religion. *D J.*

SATURDAY, *Sept.* 16.

Extract of a letter from a Merchant of Turin, *dated Sept.* 6, 1732. N. S. *to his Correſpondent at* Leeds *in Yorkſhire.*

We are here under the greateſt conſternation, on account of an order from our Conſulado or Council of commerce, to all the merchants dealing in Engliſh manufactures, to take large quantities of mean woollen goods made in this country (in proportion to their imports from England) at a very low price, upon pain of having their effects ſeized —— As our repeated complaints to that board have procured us no relief, we muſt give over ordering cloth from your parts, or any other in England; the loſs attending the goods they impoſe upon us here at their own rates, in order to force a conſumption of them, running away with more than the profit the Engliſh goods can poſſibly yield; and conſequently that branch of trade, which hath been computed ſome years to take off to the value of 100,000 *l.* of Engliſh manufactures, will be entirely loſt. *D P.*

Hague, Aug. 29. N. S. It is confirmed, that the Moſt Chriſtian King has written to the duke of Lorrain, exhorting him not to be longer abſent from his Dutchy; which gives his Royal Highneſs a great deal of uneaſineſs. —— One of the ſecret articles of the treaty between the Emperor, the Czarina of Muſcovy, and the King of Denmark, relates to the Duke of Holſtein's ſucceſſion to the throne of Sweden; which is conſiſtent with the law made by the ſtates of that kingdom, when they aboliſhed the monarchy and hereditary right, wherein they declare, that they will always have regard to the Royal Family; though it is ſure to meet with oppreſſion from the King and Queen, who would fain get the crown ſettled upon the family of Heſſe-Caſſel. —— It is reported, that the French Court has ſent orders to Dunkirk, to forbid the engineers of any foreign nation whatever to take ſurveys of the canal and harbour there; the miniſtry being ſo tired, they ſay, with the continual complaints upon that ſubject that they do not care to hear any more. But for the truth of this report we will not be anſwerable. *D P.*

TUESDAY, *Sept.* 19.

Hague, Sept 5. N. S. According to our laſt Advices from Italy, every thing ſeems ripe for a new revolt in Corſica, where the minds of the people are more exaſperated than ever againſt the Genoeze, who without regard to treaty or amneſty ſeize ſome or other of the Malecontents every day, find out a pretence for proſecuting them, and then put them to death by the hands of the common Hangman. But whenever the war in that iſland breaks out again, the republick of Genoa will find it a very difficult matter to put an end to it, there being no likelihood of the Emperor's aſſiſting them a ſecond time, after having ſeen ſo much perfidy and tergiverſation in a treaty brought about by his imperial Majeſty's generals, and ſecured (as one would think) by his guaranty. *P.*

WEDNESDAY, *Sept.* 20.

Hague, Sept. 15. N. S. It is certain that there is a treaty concluded between the courts of Saxony and Bavaria, for the maintenance of their reſpective rights and pretenſions, which implies a plain contradiction to the execution of the Auſtrian *Pragmatick Sanction*, from which thoſe two courts have appealed. This cannot but give the Emperor a great deal of uneaſineſs; and the more, becauſe his Imperial Majeſty well knows from what quarter this blow comes, and that every thing is now conducted in thoſe two courts by the compaſs of the intrigues of France, by whom a Pamphlet was lately publiſhed at Ratisbon, the author whereof pretends to prove the Moſt Chriſtian King's right to ſeveral hereditary countries of the Houſe of Auſtria, in caſe the preſent Emperor ſhould happen to die without Iſſue-Male.

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